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written on the subject of an Union of England with Ireland, by Sir Francis Brewster, in the year 1702, and quoted in the first vol. of Postle. page 207.—“It may be objected, that if Ireland was united they would have equal liberty of trade with England; to which it is answered, that doth not follow; they may be better restrained by the Union than they can be under the constitution they have at present; for, although England may now make laws for them, yet, they in Ireland are judges and executioners of them; and *how far they will enforce laws against the interest of their country is submitted; but when they are made by their representatives here in parliament, and liable to be questioned here if not observed, the case will be altered.*”

Let not the design of this paper be misinterpreted—my only object is to undeceive the credulity of such of my countrymen, if such there be, who still imagine that the ministerial measure of an Union, the avowed and only object of which is finance, can effectually operate to blend the affections, and identify the interests of the two countries. If there be yet men who believe in the idle romance which represents the treasure of Britain circulating through this limb of the consolidating empire, and who cherish the vain hope of enticing from England its capital and manufactures; since such men close their minds against the evidence of history and human nature, let them look to Scotland, thriving not from the introduction of English money or skill, but from the efforts of its own industry; and if they still dream of the transfer of the means of prosperity from England, let them, if they have understandings, be convinced by the testimony of Englishmen themselves, who seek for an incorporated Union as the best method of making Ireland instrumental to the aggrandizement of England.

#### MERCATOR.

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#### AT THE MUSEUM, COLLEGE-GREEN, TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION,

**I**N a few days, (if not previously disposed of by private contract,) in College-Green, where they will be brought for the purpose—

A very large collection of Automata, amounting in the whole to above an hundred, and some of them extremely curious. They have been for the most part lately purchased by a Noble Lord, who has travelled in the East and other parts of the world; but there are a

few which from having been purchased up by a young Nobleman of but small judgment in such matters will therefore be sold cheap. The reason of their being thus exposed to open sale, is, that their present proprietors will soon be under the necessity of retiring from this country, and not being able to remove them to another kingdom as they intended, they do not wish to be any longer incumbered with them. A small number are so ingeniously contrived as to utter any speeches that may be prepared for them by their purchasers: In short, they want nothing but the spirit of real men to be accounted as such. Among those which will be sold cheap are the following:

Two strange attempts at Alexander the Great:—The first apparently as dull as a modern alderman, and evidently would seem to be no very able leader even of a Prætorian band, much less the Macedonian phalanx. The other just fit to stop beer barrels.

An ancient, bald, withered, sapless, figure, exhibiting a most laughable mixture of foppery and old age, adorned with a large silver star most obtrusively hidden: This article having been very frequently on sale is well known to the public.

A most ridiculous piece of mechanism, dressed in a new suit of regimentals: From the hopeless stupidity of its countenance, and sluggish clumsiness of its frame, one should imagine it was made by a journeyman, it “imitates humanity so abominably”—yet it can be easily moved, but it is observable that all attempts to incline it to the right side have failed, while with the smallest purchase you can readily warp it to the sinister.

A large figure, once esteemed valuable, but having been lately discovered to be internally unsound, and being thought likely to grow worse *daily*, it will be sold for whatever it may bring: It has lately, as a matter of convenience, been furnished with a new case, but as neither the figure or case seem to be at all adapted to each other, its being stuck into it has injured it greatly. With several others too numerous to particularize here.

**T**HE manager of the Royal Circus, Foster-Place, thinks it necessary to inform the public, that notwithstanding the celebrated piece of the UNION, was obliged to be withdrawn on the first night of performance, owing to the impossibility of collecting a sufficient number of actors at that time, and he has been employed during the present recess in making every possible effort to bring it forward in such a stile as must ensure success. He assures them that no object of salary to the performers shall deter him from engaging the most eminent of their profession. He has had a number of agents in this and the sister country to endeavour to obtain

them at any price, and when he pledges his veracity that upwards of 200 persons are necessary to make this piece go off with eclat, he trusts the public will make every allowance for the failure on the first representation—notwithstanding the disadvantages it then laboured under, he is happy to find it had the entire approbation of the gentlemen of the Pitt. He also hoped to have for the amusement of the audience an exhibition of wild beasts, but his Wolfe being rather refractory of late, and his Fox having strayed away from the circus, he is obliged to postpone it to Saturday. Some equilibrists are engaged, and two celebrated performers, (father and son,) are arrived, who will sing the admired Irish planxty of Rowly Poley. Wanted a number of performers of moderate capacity, they will not have any thing to say, except in joining their voices at the finale: Large salaries will be given and a handsome sum advanced. HYZ.

**W**HEREAS it has been in the contemplation of some projectors in England, to build a bridge from Holyhead to the Hill of Howth, for the more intimate connexion of Great Britain and Ireland; and whereas the scheme offered to the overseers in Ireland, by William Pitt, the principal architect, has not been approved of; it is therefore resolved by the said architect, that he will receive new proposals for the intended structure. Now those persons who are willing to propose to carry this design into execution, are desired to apply either in England to the aforesaid William Pitt, or in Ireland to his journeyman, Signor Castleo Reandi, who will promise to give every encouragement to, and amply reward such workmen or *common* labourers, as will engage to go cheerfully and patiently through the fatigue and hardship such an undertaking shall require.

The bridge must be built of the strongest and most durable materials, (that formerly built over the Tweed, to unite England and Scotland, having, from the nature of the structure, been twice or thrice in great danger of being demolished.) It is necessary to mention, that the foundation at Holyhead will be more easily laid than that at Howth; much digging and daming will be requisite; on the Irish side the *Peers* must be well grouted, that they may be able not only to support the weight of the superstructure, but have strength sufficient to resist the force of the tides, which will constantly and regularly beat against them; therefore a proper extraordinary allowance will be made to every *common* labourer, who will contribute his helping hand to forward this great national work. As this bridge, when built, will be in danger from foreign foes, it must be so constructed, that if attacked, it may be strong enough to resist every attempt that shall be made on it. The plan at large may be seen at William Pitt's, Downing-street, Westminster; or at L—C—h's, at the sign of the Struggler, in Cook-street, Dublin.

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